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Mr. Robert H. Garb

Dear Mr. Garb:

The Director has referred to me your recent letter requesting comment on Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2, 84th Congress, 2d Session, as well as information on this Agency's operation.

With regard to the latter, we regret that we do not have prepared any general discussion which would be suitable for the use you intended. Numerous magazine and newspaper articles, and at least one book, treating of the subject have appeared recently. Although we offer no evaluation as to the accuracy or cogency of these, we are sure that among them would be some information of considerable interest to you as points of initial inquiry.

The Concurrent Resolution you mentioned is one of several proposals which have been made in recent years looking toward the establishment of a joint committee for CIA matters. As you very likely know, both houses of Congress have formally constituted Subcommittees for Central Intelligence of their respective Armed Services Committees. This arrangement is in harmony with the interrelation between intelligence and the national defense. Appropriations for this Agency are handled by special subcommittees of the Senate and House Appropriations Committees. Representatives of this Agency, often the Director himself, appear before these committees periodically and keep them informed on matters relating to intelligence.

The statutory bases for the operation of CIA are for the most part contained in the National Security Act of 1947, which created the Agency, and the CIA Act of 1949, which granted it necessary functional authority. Since these laws were enacted, there have been but a few isolated pieces of legislation referring to this Agency. These have, in most instances, had to do either with the Executive Branch generally, mainly in the field of Civil Service, or with specific Government agencies which deal with matters in which this Agency may have a tangential interest, such as the Immigration and Naturalization Service, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Atomic Energy Commission. Legislation of this type will continue to fall under the

jurisdiction of committees other than those handling CIA matters, and since we have no substantial annual legislative program, as do many Executive establishments, there would be, from a legislative angle, little to occupy a special committee such as proposed in the Resolution. From our point of view there is no need for such a committee.

Sincerely,

John S. Warner  
Legislative Counsel

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Honorable Allen Dulles  
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Dear Mr. Dulles:

I would sincerely appreciate it if you would send me all the information on your position regarding Senate Concurrent Resolution Number 2, 84th Congress 2nd session, which filed to set up a Joint Congressional Committee over the Central Intelligence Agency. Please send this and information on the agency's operation to the above address.

I need the above material for a term paper in a political science course at the University of Michigan. My report analyzes the pro and con of the need for a joint committee regulating the above administrative agency. I wholeheartedly thank your staff and yourself for their time and effort.

Truly yours

*Robert H. Garb*

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TO :

DATE: 16 April 1959

FROM : Mr. Warner

SUBJECT: Joint Congressional Committee - S. Con. Res. 2

Will you please draft a letter based on the letter we wrote  
to Howard Smith of the Rules Committee. (Copy of Smith letter  
attached.)